Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
Requests for Deadline Extensions, FCC Waivers and Appeals, and Appeals of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by))))
North Carolina E-rate Applicants)) File No. SLD - Multiple
)) CC Docket No. 02-6

October 29, 2018

Invoice Deadline Extension Requests, Extended Deadlines for Review and Waivers, Appeals, et al to the Universal Service Administrative Company and the Federal Communications Commission

HURRICANES FLORENCE (SEPTEMBER 13, 2018) AND MICHAEL (October 11, 2018:

LAST DATE TO INVOICE WAIVER REQUEST AND OTHER FORM / APPEAL / WAIVER DEADLINE DATES FROM SEPTEMBER 13 AND OCTOBER 11

October 29th, 2018

North Carolina respectfully requests an automatic waiver of the Last Date to Invoice rule, as well as relief for all E-Rate filing deadlines, including appeals to USAC and the Commission, for all applicants who were affected by Hurricane Florence on September 13, 2018, and Hurricane Michael, October 11, 2018.

Human life was lost in many NC counties. Our county school systems suffered catastrophic damages to their infrastructure and were without power, including Internet, for several weeks or even months. Students and educators and their families have been displaced. Onslow County Schools is the last to return, this week, October 29, 2018. Many of these entities have lost access to E-rate records and invoices, and in many cases this data has completely been destroyed. They are completely focused on recovering from both hurricanes and subsequent flooding, and may be unable to meet E-rate invoice deadlines or file for an extension by the original deadline.

As the State E-rate Coordinators we are requesting invoice deadline extensions on behalf of all affected entities. See this link for approval of

Major Disaster Declaration for North Carolina, <u>Release Number: HQ-18-127</u>. There is a second release dated October 15, 2018, <u>DR-4393-NC NR 042</u> for three more counties.

"The 31 North Carolina counties now designated for Individual Assistance are: Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Union, Wayne and Wilson."

Thank you in advance for your consideration and kindness as we attempt to put our lives and livelihoods back to a semblance of order and routine.

Sincerely,

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